



# St Gregory's Catholic School



## January 2018 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all.  
May your New Year be blessed with peace, love and joy.  
On behalf of St Gregory's Governors and Staff thank you for all the generous gifts we received at Christmas.

### Upcoming Events:

#### Dates for January 2018:

- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - School begins
- Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Swimming starts
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - **Closing date for Reception (September 2018) admissions**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> - **9.30am Bishop Byrne to say Mass and bless the new extension. Please join us for Mass, let the office know if you can attend.**
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - **9.30am Year 5 Mass**
- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> - **9.30am Year 6 Mass**
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> - **9.30am Year 4 Mass**

#### February 2018:

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> - 'I Can Do It Week'
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> - **7.00pm Pyramid concert Year 5 'School of Rock'**
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - **Reception RV Assembly School Closes for half Term**
- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - **School reopens**

### SCHOOL UNIFORM:

May I please remind you that children should be in full winter uniform in line with school policy.

We have both elasticated/ordinary ties, school bags, backpacks & pump bags to order on Schoolcomms.

May I please also remind you to label your child's school uniform as we have an ever increasing lost property basket.



### Reminders:

Holidays cannot be authorised and leave of absences may only be authorised if exceptional circumstances. In line with our school attendance policy we may refer unauthorised leave of absence to the Attendance and Prosecution Service. Such a referral may lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued.

It is inappropriate for children in Year 2 or Year 6 to have any leave during this vital year. Similarly all children sit tests **during the week of May 14th including the statutory SAT's**, and no leave of absences will be authorised after Easter until the end of the test week 18th May 2018.

*Attendance for December. Well Done Year 5 for their excellent attendance.*

Attendance	%
Year 1	90.4
Year 2	91.8
Year 3	91.3
Year 4	89.7
Year 5	96.5
Year 6	91.3



### Important Dates to remember:

#### SEPTEMBER INTAKE 2018 RECEPTION

Children born between 01.09.13 and 31.08.14 are due to start school in September 2018. Please ensure that your child is registered, children are not automatically awarded a place if they are in Nursery or if they have an older sibling in school. The school cannot accept responsibility for the non-registration of children. Please ensure you have registered on line at [www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.sandwell.gov.uk/schooladmissions) by Monday 15th January.

#### First Holy Communion

Year 3 Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 12.00pm



### Children in Need

You raised the grand sum of **£220** for Children in Need. Congratulations!

#### School Gateway:

Thank you again for using School Gateway, could we please encourage you to download the App if you have not already.

If you receive a text from School Gateway it is not a general text it is meant for you.

If you do not wish your child to participate in a trip, please inform the office so we can remove them from School Gateway and you will not receive the reminder texts.

#### PUPILS ARRIVING AT SCHOOL:

Please ensure that your child is escorted to and from school especially during the dark mornings and evenings. Children are being dropped off/collected and running down the school drive unaccompanied. Please think of the children's safety.

Please ensure your child is punctual every day as this affects their attendance marks.



### MONTHLY REFLECTION - The Epiphany

On 6th January we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany. 'The Epiphany' means a showing, a revealing and an enlightening. The 'Wise men' represent all the peoples of the world they know of the prophecies of the infant king the Saviour of the world. Through them Jesus' arrival was announced to the world. Jesus the Lord had come to save **all** people. The feast shows us two aspects of our faith; the presence of the Son of God being revealed and God's desire to save all peoples made clear.

#### A FAMILY PRAYER

Dear God, like the three Wise men  
we are here today to worship you, Jesus.

We have no gold,

but we give you our love.

We have no frankincense,

we give you our prayers.

We have no Myrrh,

so we give you ourselves.

Amen



*The Governors and Staff would like to wish you a very  
Happy New Year*